

mine reclamation program, promote remining, authorize the Office of Surface Mining to collect the black lung excise tax, and make sundry other changes, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey D. Jarrett, Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior; Steve Hohmann, Director, Kentucky Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement, Frankfort, on behalf of the Interstate Mining Compact Commission and the National Association of Abandoned Mine Land Programs; Evan J. Green, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Cheyenne; Joe Shirley, Jr., Navajo Nation, Washington, D.C.; Charles Gauvin, Trout Unlimited, Arlington, Virginia; and Micheal Buckner, United Mine Workers of America, Fairfax, Virginia.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Sue Ellen Wooldridge, of Virginia, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

POSTAL REFORM

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee resumed hearings to examine U.S. Postal Service reform issues, focusing on sustaining the 9 million

jobs in the \$900 billion mailing industry, after receiving testimony from Frederick W. Smith, FedEx Corporation, Memphis, Tennessee; Michael L. Eskew, United Parcel Service, Atlanta, Georgia; Gary M. Mulloy, ADVOC, Inc., Windsor, Connecticut; Gary B. Pruitt, McClatchy Company, Sacramento, California, on behalf of the Newspaper Association of America; and H. Robert Wientzen, Direct Marketing Association, New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of William James Haynes II, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Diane S. Sykes, of Wisconsin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, James L. Robart, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, and Juan R. Sanchez and Lawrence F. Stengel, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 3936–3965; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 89–90; H. Con. Res. 382–384, and H. Res. 557–560, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3261, to prohibit the misappropriation of certain databases, amended adverse (H. Rept. 108–421, Pt. 2).

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Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2004:

The House passed H.R. 3717, to increase the penalties for violations by television and radio broadcasters of the prohibitions against transmission of obscene, indecent, and profane language, by a recorded vote of 391 ayes to 22 noes with one voting “present”, Roll No. 55.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to increase the penalties for violations by television and

radio broadcasters of the prohibitions against transmission of obscene, indecent, and profane material.

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The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment.

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Agreed to:

Upton amendment that preserves a licensee’s right of a license to appeal a forfeiture order issued by the FCC for the broadcast of obscene, indecent, or profane material before the existence of such an order can be used in a license application proceeding, renewal proceeding, or revocation proceeding and also requires the FCC to provide Congress with information related to the number of times that violators refuse to pay a forfeiture order and that the FCC refers such orders to collections; and

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Sessions amendment that directs the GAO to study and report within one year the number of complaints concerning the broadcasting of obscene,

indecent, and profane material to the FCC the; number of such complaints that result in final agency actions by the FCC; the length of time taken by the FCC in responding to such complaints; what mechanisms the Commission has established to receive, investigate, and respond to such complaints; and whether complainants to the FCC are adequately informed by the FCC of the responses to their complaints. **Page H1034**

H. Res. 554, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Commending India on its celebration of Republic Day: Debated on March 10, H. Con. Res. 15, commending India on its celebration of Republic Day, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 56; and **Pages H1035–36**

Expressing the condolences of the House for the untimely death of Macedonian President Boris Trajkovski: Debated on March 10, H. Res. 540, expressing the condolences and deepest sympathies of the House of Representatives for the untimely death of Macedonian President Boris Trajkovski, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 411 yeas to with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 57. **Pages H1036–37**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Friday, March 12, and further that when it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16 for Morning-Hour debate. **Page H1069**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, March 17. **Page H1069**

Senate Adjournment: Agreed to S. Con. Res. 98, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate. **Page H1057**

Presidential Message: Read a letter from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation of the National Emergency with Respect to Iran—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed (108–173). **Page H1045**

Senate Messages: Messages from the Senate today appear on page H1013.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H1035, H1035–36, and H1036–37. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:18 p.m. Committee Meetings

PEANUT PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Speciality Crops and Foreign Agriculture Programs held a hearing to review the Peanut Program. Testimony was heard from Floyd Gaibler, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on the FDA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FDA, Department of Health and Human Services: Lester M. Crawford, Acting Commissioner; Jeffrey M. Weber, Associate Commissioner, Management and Chief Financial Officer; and William R. Beldon, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget.

COMMERCE, STATE, JUSTICE, JUDICIARY AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, State, Justice, Judiciary and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Federal Judiciary. Testimony was heard from Leonidas Ralph Mecham, Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts; and Chief Judge John Heyburn, Chairman, Budget Committee, Judicial Conference of the United States.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the Secretary of Energy. Testimony was heard from Spencer Abraham, Secretary of Energy.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Border and Transportation Security. Testimony was heard from Asa Hutchinson, Under Secretary, Border and Transportation Security, Department of Homeland Security.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Acting Administrator, Transportation Security Administration. Testimony was heard from ADM David Stone, USN, (Ret.), Acting Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related

Agencies held a hearing on the Secretary of Education. Testimony was heard from Rodney Paige, Secretary of Education.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—NAVY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Projection Forces held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization Budget Request—Navy Research and Development, Transformation and Future Navy Capabilities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: John J. Young, Assistant Secretary (Research, Development and Acquisition); VADM John B. Nathan, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (N-7) (Warfare Requirements and Programs); VADM Cutler J. Dawson, Jr., Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (N-8) (Resources, Requirements, and Assessments); LTG Edward Hanlon, Jr., USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command; and RADM Jay M. Cohen, USN, Chief of Naval Research, Director, Test and Evaluation and Technology Requirements.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—ASSESSING ADEQUACY TO MEET READINESS NEEDS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization Budget Request—Assessing the Adequacy of the Fiscal Year 2005 Budget to Meet Readiness Needs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: GEN George Casey, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, Army, Headquarters, Department of the Army; ADM Michael G. Mullen, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations and LTG Jan C. Huly, USMC, Deputy Commander, Plans, Policy and Operations, U.S. Marine Corps, both with the Department of the Navy; and GEN T. Michael Moseley, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, Air Force, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND OVERSIGHT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization Budget Request—Special Oper-

ations Command Oversight. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Thomas W. O'Connell, Assistant Secretary, Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict; GEN Bryan D. Brown, USA, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command; LTG Philip Kensinger, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Special Operations Command; LTG Paul Hester, USAF, Commander, Air Force Special Operations Command; RADM Albert Calland, USN, Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command; and Command CMSgt Robert Martens, Jr., U.S. Air Force, Senior Enlisted Advisor, U.S. Special Operations Command.

BUDGET RESOLUTION

Committee on the Budget: Began markup of the Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2005.

Committee recessed subject to call.

CHANGING NATURE OF THE ECONOMY—CRITICAL ROLES OF EDUCATION AND INNOVATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing entitled "The Changing Nature of the Economy: The Critical Roles of Education and Innovation in Creating Jobs & Opportunity in a Knowledge Economy." Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

COLLEGE RECRUITING—ARE STUDENT ATHLETES BEING PROTECTED?

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "College Recruiting: Are Student Athletes Being Protected?" Testimony was heard from Representative Osborne; and public witnesses.

IRAQ—REBUILDING CHALLENGES

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on the Complex Task of Coordinating Contracts Amid Chaos: The Challenges of Rebuilding a Broken Iraq. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: MG Carl A. Strock, USA, Director, Civil Works, Army Corps of Engineers; GEN Paul J. Kern, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Material Command; MG Wade H. McManus, Jr., USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Field Support Command; Tina Ballard, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Army (Policy and Procurement); Dov S. Zakheim, Under Secretary, (Comptroller) and Chief Financial Officer; William H. Reed, Director, Defense Contract Audit Agency; and RADM David Nash, USN (Ret.), Director, Iraq Program Management Office, Coalition Provisional Authority; and Lewis Lucke, Deputy Assistant Administrator, AID, Department of State.

“CERVICAL CANCER AND HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS”

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Cervical Cancer and Human Papillomavirus.” Testimony was heard from Representative Weldon of Florida; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Ed. Thompson, M.D., Deputy Director, Public Health Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Edward L. Trimble, M.D., Gynecologic Oncologist, National Cancer Institute, NIH; and Daniel G. Schultz, M.D., Director, Office of Device Evaluation, Center for Devices and Radiologic Health, FDA; and public witnesses.

SUDAN: PEACE AGREEMENT AROUND THE CORNER?

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on Sudan: Peace Agreement Around the Corner? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Charles R. Snyder, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs; and Roger P. Winter, Assistant Administrator, Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, AID; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—COPYRIGHT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on Section 115 of the Copyright Act: In Need of Update? Testimony was heard from Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—IMMIGRATION FUNDING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing entitled “Funding for Immigration in the President’s 2005 Budget.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—BUDGET REQUESTS—NOAA AND FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the Administration’s Fiscal Year 2005 budget requests for NOAA and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Testimony was heard from VADM Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., USN, (Ret.), Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and Steven A. Williams, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

CURRENT BUDGET PROCESS—CONSIDER NEW REFORM AND ENFORCEMENT PROPOSALS

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process held a hearing to assess the effectiveness of the current budget process and consider new reform and enforcement proposals. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hensarling, Ryan of Wisconsin, Chocola, Stenholm, Hill, Kirk, Hastings of Washington, Castle and Cox; and Josh Bolten, Director, OMB.

EPA BUDGET

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards held a hearing on the Fiscal Year EPA Budget. Testimony was heard from Clay Johnson III, Deputy Director, Management, OMB; Paul Gilman, Assistant Administrator, Research and Development, EPA; Paul Posner, Managing Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

VA’S POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER PROGRAMS STATUS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the current status of Department of Veterans’ post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Robert H. Roswell, M.D., Under Secretary, Health; Thomas Horvath, M.D., Chief of Staff, Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Terence Keane, Director, National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Boston Health Care System; Harold Kudler, M.D., Co-Chair, Under Secretary, Health’s Special Committee on PTSD, Durham Medical Center; Chaplain Robert W. Mikol, Clinical Chaplain, Lyons Campus, New Jersey Health Care System; and Rev. Philip G. Salois, VISN 1 Chaplain Program Manager, Boston Health Care System; the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTC Kenneth Brown, Chaplain, U.S. Army; LT Charles E. Hodges, Chaplain Corps, U.S. Naval Reserve; and CDR Mark Jumper, Staff Chaplain, U.S. Coast Guard Academy; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

PRESIDENT’S TRADE AGENDA

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on President Bush’s Trade Agenda. Testimony was heard from Robert B. Zoellick, U.S. Trade Representative.

**NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAM
BUDGET**

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on National Reconnaissance Program Budget. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

**BRIEFING—GLOBAL INTELLIGENCE
UPDATE**

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to receive a briefing on

Global Intelligence Update. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
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(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.